

BARAD-DUR

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Frankly, publishing a Postal 'zine takes a lot of time. Neither Ron nor I have that time. So, we have been searching around for a solution. We hoped the shift to Thursday deadlines would help, but we've wound up publishing on Monday, awaiting nonexistent moves from Steve Barr. There seems only one solution -- make our deadlines like every other DIPLOMACY magazine: date of receipt. It's not as horrible as it sounds. It simply means that instead of having a Thursday postmark deadline, you simply must guarantee the move in the Gamesmasters hands by 6 P.M. Saturday of the deadline. We were the only ones on postmark, and it confused us and troubled us no end. I'm doing this on Monday at 10:30, and still have it all to run, plus I have to arise early tomorrow as usual. Late deadlines, and extreme inconvenience. If I'd had mundane work to do this evening, this wouldn't have gone out until Wednesday! Intolerable. So, date of receipt. This way we can always get all copies out on a weekend, and in the mail not later than the 6 P.M. Sunday pickup. Under this system, not rain nor sleet nor hail nor dark of night nor the U.S.P.O. can save you if your move isn't in -- but, in conformance with the standard Postal rules, which we don't always follow, any and all telephone calls, telegrams, etc. are welcome. The key is simply to MAIL EARLY. Thursday should do it, as usual. No collect calls or telegrams, please! JACK L. CHALKER: 301 - 367-0685; RON W. BOUNDS: 301 - SA-7-8202. This is the last one, the last change. It is perfect for our schedules. GET THOSE MOVES IN PROMPTLY! And, for doubters, Boardman and a fellow 3000 miles west in San Diego carried on a fine consultative alliance with the same terms. It's normal -- we've been the exception, until now. IN EFFECT FOR ALL GAMES IMMEDIATELY

PROPAGANDA

Propaganda is fun, and it's useful, too. But issue size is just too large to hold all this, and we must ask, "Is this really necessary?" Please! Keep propaganda down to around 100-150 words if at all possible. It helps, and if we don't do something, we'll edit or go bankrupt. Thanks.

JLC.
E: BROBDINGNAG now from John McCallum, Met.Sec.S.E.S., Ralston, Alberta.

ITALY, AUSTRIA-HUNGARY AND TURKEY VIE FOR GREECE, ITALY STYMIED!

These are the move orders for **FALL**, 1902, in the Diplomacy game 1965-A of the N3F Games Bureau. *

Austria*Hungary.FLEET GREECE STANDS

. army serbia to budapest
 Army vienna supports army serbia to budapest

England ARMY NORWAY STANDS

. FLEET NORWEGIAN SEA STANDS
 FLEET NORTH SEA STANDS

France. army burgundy to munich

. FLEET SPAIN (6 CST) STANDS
 . FLEET MID ATLANTIC OCEAN TO NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN
 . ARMY HOLLAND SUPPORTS ARMY PICARDY TO BELGIUM
 ARMY PICARDY TO BELGIUM

Germany ARMY RUHR STANDS

. ARMY KIEL STANDS
 FLEET DENMARK STANDS

Italy Army tyrolia to vienna

. army budapest supports army tyrolia to vienna
 . ARMY VENICE TO TRIESTE
 . FLEET ADRIATIC SUPPORTS ARMY VENICE TO TRIESTE
 FLEET IONIAN SEA SUPPORTS AUSTRIAN FLEET GREECE

Russia. army berlin to munich

. fleet sweden to norway
 . ARMY MOSCOW TO ST. PETERSBURG
 . ARMY UKRANIA TO RUMANIA
 FLEET SEVASTOPOL SUPPORTS ARMY UKRAINIA TO RUMANIA

TURKEY. army smyrna to greece

. FLEET AEGEAN CONVOYS army smyrna to Greece
 . ARMY BULGARIA SUPPORTS ARMY SMYRNA TO GREECE
 FLEET CONSTANTINOPLE SUPPORTS ARMY BULGARIA

MOVES IN UPPER CASE SUCCEED, those in lower case fail.

Since Russia and France had an equal desire for Munich, they both failed in their tries to get the place.

* There are no retreats for the fall, 1902 move, but there will be builds.

***** DEADLINE SWITCH!!! From now on ALL deadlines will be receipt deadlines,
 ***** not postmark deadlines, as formerly in game A. This means that the play-
 ***** ers must mail their moves early enough so as to ensure their reception
 *** on or before the Deadline date by the gamesmaster.

THE DEADLINE (RECEPTION) FOR THE WINTER, 1902 BUILD ORDERS
 IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1965

Roster of Nations, Units, and Supply centers for Fall, 1902

Austria-Hungary: A Serb, Vienna; F Greece; Centers: Serbia, Greece, Vienna
 England : A Norway; F North Atlantic, Norwegian Sea; Centers-London, Norway, Liverpool, Edinburgh
 France: A Holland, Belgium, Burgundy; F Spain (s cst.), North atlantic Ocean
 Centers: Paris, Brest Maresilles, Spain, Portugal, Holland, Belgium.
 Germany.....A Kiel, Ruhr; F Demnark; Centers: Kiel, Munich, Denmark.
 Italy.....A Budapest, Tyrolia, Trieste; F Ionian Sea, Adriatic Sea; Centers: Venice, Rome, Naples, Tunis, Trieste, Budapest.
 Russia.....A Berlin, Rumania; WSt. Pete; Fleets: Sweden, Sevast.; Centers: Moscow, Warsaw, Sevast, St Pete, Swdden, Berlin Rumania
 Turkey.....A Smrna, Bulgaria; F Const, Aegean Sea; Centers: Ankara, Smrna, Constantinople, Bulgaria

For the Winter Build, No Nation must remove any units. However, some did gain in strength:

France MAY BUILD 2 UNITS, ITALY MAY BUILD ONE UNIT, ENGLAND MAY BUILD ONE UNIT, RUSSIA MAY BUILD TWO UNITS.

GERMANY, TURKEY AND AUSTRIA REMAIN CONSTANT.

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PROPAGANDA PAGE

Vienna, September 29, 1902, Reuters:

8 The Austrian Government announced that all ties with Italy have been severed since the assassination (sic) on Sept, 3 of the beloved Emeror Franz Josef. The six murderers have all been caught and summarily hanged. Before their execution, three of the culprits confessed that they were Italian agents, undern the orders of Pope Aluliaportatus. The reason for their deed was probably due to the fact that the Hapsburgs recently became Lutherans, after an appeal to the Pope and Italian King to call off the Italian Armies so that Austria might better fight the Turkish Hordes now threatening Europe. This appeal was scornfully denied. Let it Now be Known, that this so-called "Holy Empire" of Italy is in League with the vicious moslem Hordes of the East and are plotting to cut Europe's throat and share the Bloody feast. All countries are beseeched to call off any ties or alliances with this disloyal and untrustworthy country of Italy.

In this announcement was also revealed a hitherto onknown attempt on the life of Francis Ferdinand, now Emperor of Austria-Hungary. The Palace guards and Francis himself valiantly defended the attempt (Involving some 30 agents), the Emperor personally killing one of the would-be assassins. The survivors identified themselves as Italien, Serbian, and Turkish Agents.

===== From Russia...

Czar Millerinski is most unhappy at the unhappy state of affairs in Germany, and would be most interested in talking with the next ruler of Germany concerning ways and means of creating prder out of the chaos which currently prevails. In the interim, he is sending hia army of good will to Munich, to put down the bloody riots which have been occurring there for the pawt year.

=====MEMO TO RUSSIA FROM FRANCE....STAY OUT OF MUNTECH!!

=====Letter to Mssr. Bounder from Le Marquis di San Govanzo, Foreign Sec. to the King: On the first of January, 1903, Pope Aluliaportatus II will crown Victor Emmanuel II, Emperor of Rome, King of Napolium, Austria, Dalmatia, Hungaria, and Carthagera; Prince of Venezia, Milano, Tyrolia, And Sardinia; Admiral-General of the Ocean Sea; Protector of Serbia, Albania, and Greece. His Imperial Majesty will assume the Name of Victor Liborius Julius, Austrias, Emehuelum II, Emperor of Rome, etc. The peace of Budapest has been signed with our loyal ally, Russia."

===== from Der Wiener Sonne, sept. 5, 1902 (AP)

Due to the international crisis, the annual Saltzburg Festival has been called off.

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FALL, 1902 MOVE ORDERS.



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moves in lower case fail

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.....A BUDAPEST TO GALICIA
A VIENNA SUPPORTS A BUDAPEST TO GAL.
FLEET GREECE STANDS
ARMY SERBIA SUPPORTS F GREECE

ITALY.....F TYRRHENIAN SEA TO GULF OF LYON
F WEST. MED. SUPP. F TYRR. SEA TO
GULF OF LYON
army piedmont to marseilles
army tyrolia to piedmont

ENGLAND.....FLEET LONDON TO NORTH SEA
F SKAGGERRAK SUPPORTS F LON. TO NORT.S,
F NORWEGIAN SEA SUPP. F LON. TO NORT.S.

RUSSIA.....F SWEDEN SUPPORTS A NORWAY
A NORWAY SUPPORTS F SWEDEN
F ST.PETERSBURG (NC) TO BARENTS SEA
A WARSAW TO UKRAINA
army sevastopol to rumania

TURKEY.....F BLACK SEA CONVOYS A BULGARIA TO
SEVASTOPOL
A BULGARIA TO SEVASTOPOL
A RUMANIA SUPPORTS A BULGARIA TO SEV.
F CONSTANTINOPLE TO BULGARIA (S.C.)

FRANCE.....F MID-ATLANTIC TO SPAIN (S.C.)
F MARSEILLES SUPP. F MID-ATL. TO SPAIN
A BURGUNDY STANDS
A PICARDY SUPP. A BURGUNDY
A GASCONY SUPP. A BURGUNDY

GERMANY.....A HOLLAND SUPP. A BELGIUM
F DENMARK STANDS
a rhur to burgundy
a munich supports a rhur to burgundy
a belgium supports a rhur to burgundy

The Russian Army Sevastopol must retreat to Moscow or Armenia. He should enclose this as his winter, 1902 move order. Players building in the winter should bear this in mind. A detailed survey of supply centers held at the beginning of winter (a harsher one than last year's) and directions as to how many units to build or remove is included. Players are cautioned to remember that we follow the rule FURTHEREST PIECE FROM A SUPPLY CENTER IS ELIMINATED, FLEETS BEFORE ARMIES IF BOTH AN A AND A F ARE EQUIDISTANT. The gamesmaster will eliminate unless two pieces of equal rank (A or F) are equidistant, in which case the player must submit a REMOVE winter order or have both units eliminated. Builds, retreats, and remove winter orders may be

submitted on post cards if space on the card permits. Here's the score:

** = build

-- = retreat

****AUSTRIA** controls the following supply centers: Trieste, Vienna, Budapest, Serbia, and Greece. She has units in Vienna, Galicia, Greece, and Serbia. AUSTRIA MAY BUILD 1 UNIT IN TRIESTE OR BUDAPEST.

ITALY controls the following supply centers: Venice, Rome, Naples, Tunis. She has units in Gulf of Lyon, Western Mediterranean, piedmont, and tyrolia. ITALY DOES NOT BUILD, stays constant.

ENGLAND controls the following supply centers: Edinburgh, Liverpool, and London. She has units in the Skaggerrak, North Sea, and Norwegian Sea. ENGLAND DOES NOT BUILD, stays constant.

--RUSSIA holds the following supply centers: Norway, Sweden, St. Petersburg, Moscow, and Warsaw. She has units in Norway, Sweden, Barents Sea, Ukraine, and a retreating unit. RUSSIA DOES NOT BUILD, stays constant, but MUST SUBMIT A WINTER RETREAT MOVE.

FRANCE holds the following supply centers: Brest, Paris, Marseilles, Portugal, and Spain. She has units in Spain, Marseilles, Gascony, Burgundy, and Picardy. FRANCE DOES NOT BUILD, stays constant.

****GERMANY:** holds the following supply centers: Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Kiel, Berlin, Munich. She has units in Rhur, Munich, Belgium, Holland, and Denmark. GERMANY MAY BUILD 1 UNIT IN KIEL OR BERLIN.

****TURKEY** holds the following supply centers: Ankara, Constantinople, Smyrna, Bulgaria, Rumania, Sevastopol. She has units in Bulgaria, Rumania, Sevastopol, and Black Sea. TURKEY MAY BUILD 2 UNITS IN CONSTANTINOPLE, ANKARA, OR SMYRNA.

Turkey is the big winner, Russia the big loser, with Germany and Austria shedding no tears as they prepare to launch a new unit each. At this point certain patterns are evident -- the Austro-Turkish alliance has been extremely profitable for both parties, at the expense of Russia, and that last nation seems in even deeper trouble from the unlikely pair in the south next move. Italy is in a powerful position, and her nonaggression pact with Austria is reaping dividends as she drives west against France. England seems to be content wrestling the weakening Russian empire for Scandinavia, possibly in alliance with the far south putsch, biding time. Germany is static, awaiting Italian advance in French territory. Of all the countries, the skill of the French and the Russian players will need to be perfect in order to avoid collapse in 2 moves. Skillful diplomacy, however, could turn the tide in this thinly balanced alliance system.

WINTER, 1902 MOVES MAY BE SUBMITTED ON POSTCARDS. The Russian player is reminded that failure to submit a retreat results in elimination of the unit.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE WINTER, 1902 BUILDS & RETREATS IS:

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Paris, Sept. 8. (Reuters). The Emperor, in a speech to the Estates General yesterday, exposed an unknown fact about the recent Italian attempts to move from Piedmont to Marseilles. The Italian government and general staff were discovered by the Duexieme to be attempting to bribe the Swiss government and armed forces to allow Italian troops to pass through Switzerland and outflank the French defenses in Marseilles. The money involved in the bribe (intercepted in Genoa by French agents) totalad some £10,000,000. Let Europe know that Italy is trying to violate the neutrality of the most peaceful country in Europe.

Paris, Sept. 30. (Havas). It was recently heard at a diplomatic party that Austria is preparing to attack Russia. At the same party, it was learned that Italian soldiers are being given German and Magyar lessons for some reason or another. English soldiers have taken a sudden interest in Russian and German it was also learned. The French are satisfied with their own language.

Paris, Oct. 3 (Reuters). A new paper, La Paris Sol, has been started. Paris, Oct. 4 (Reuters). The new paper, La Paris Sol, has been closed for unfair advertising practices. It was also discovered that the Emperor's son is the editor of La Soire Astree.

Wein, Sept. 13, 1902 (Reuters). "Now the scurvy Moslem, Orthodox, Sauerkraut and Papai knaves wish an alliance with the peace-loving Dual Monarchy," bellowed the triumphant General Pfitzenstarz before a massed crowd of burghers in this ancient city's Clarkern Square. "When we needed allies, where were these peopple?" thundered the general. "NOW that Austria-Hungary has by her own efforts scourged the city of Budapest and its environs of foreign invaders, all these nations beg to pander themselves for Austrian favors. This shall never be!!" shouted the portly general, so loudly that the aging, lumpy Emperor Franz Evan covered his ears in anguish. "Austria against the world!" concluded General Pfitzenstarz, whereupon the Emperor fainted dead away.

Wein, Sept. 14 (Reuters). The Austro-Hungarian High Command today issued a bulletin confirming the policy of the Dual Monarchy not to be involved with political intrigue or military adventures beyond her historic border, despite threats to the contrary by certain members of the armed forces.

Wein, Sept. 14 (Reuters). Late today Colonel Pfitzonstarz mounted a soapbox in Worker's Square and harangued a motley moiety of noisy celebrants off to an early start on Austria's traditionally expagastic Oktoberfest. "I know not what pusillanimous course others make take in this lily-livered country, but I shall not rest until Czar Inglebert the Inept is thrown off our sacred soil, never to see Grimski-Oporsk again!" Here the placards borne by a lunatic fringe of jingoistic juveniles and bearing the legend "Divine Dirt" were brandished aloft in exuberance. However, it was also at this point that the pacifist majority pelted the Colonel with rotten goose eggs. As he scrambled off the soapbox and off into the night the Colonel waved a large white feather in the direction of the Imperial Palace.

Roma, Pridie Nonas Augustas, 26SS A.U.C.: Collegium augurum naturam Meb-

annici Imperatoris divinam esse detexit. Imperator, qui sibi Peranoia-cum adjectum agnomen sumpsit, inter deos relatus est. Oportet ut omnes cives Romani Divo Mebannico Deaeque Romae cotidie libent.

(Rome, August 4, 1902: The college of augurs has discovered the divine nature of the Emperor Mebannicus. The Emperor, who has assumed the additional name Paranoiachus, has been deified. All Roman citizens must pour daily libations to the Divine Mebannicus and the Goddess Roma.)

The name "Donlad" was typed on the copy of the communique which was furnished the Sultan's office by our ambassador. However, to make sure that the slight to Sultan Donlad is punished in a satisfactory manner the Ambassador has been beheaded. Please make sure, in the future, that the name of our glorious ruler is properly spelled.

SHEIK MOHAMMED

FINK

From THE LONDON DAILY MIRROR: The Editors of this publication were astounded to learn today that our so-called rulers have refused to allow Ex-Prime Minister (since midnight) Wattson his decision to "let the rest of the World do what they like on the continent; we like peace." Today, in an unprecedented upheaval, a relative unknown, Lonard S'Bondu was appointed to the now-vacant post of Prime Minister. It is rumored that Messr. S'Bondu comes of Dark antecedents, and, indeed, little is actually known about his life prior to his emergence as the active political & military scene less than 20 years ago. Said to have been born in Lowestoft, he is supposed to have shipped out to sea at an early age on a coast-running schooner. Doing what few seem able to, his way of life and the sea parted company at some time around his 25th year, when he commenced the activities that put him eventually in the PM. seat. The Mirror stresses the fact that rumors of boudoir alliances and knife-in-the-back tactics which he is purported to have used are totally unfounded.

1st Secretary
to the Sultan
Turkish Ottoman
Empire.

PRESS RELEASE BY PREMIER SATTEL (Aug.30): Our armies in Austria have been destroyed. I am sorry to inform the people that close to 410,000 men were lost in operations on Austrian territory. It seems that bad news is the curse of the south and I must tell you that a large naval force has been destroyed off Rumania, with 7 battle ships and 43 other vessels destroyed.

Moscow Times, Sept. 2. It is reported that our own naval forces in the Black Sea now stand at 1 destroyer, 1 minesweeper, 3 coal barges, 7 garbage scows, and 9 cruisers (pleasure: 3 70 foot & 6 40 ft.).

St. Petersburg Post, Sept. 8. Our remaining southern forces are in bad shape and worse morale. Desertion is highest in history. Our undefeated northern forces have liberated Norway, though. English slave drivers are now in poor position to counterthrust.

Moscow Times, Sept. 14. Premier J.J. Sattel was assassinated last night by a bomber who through a hand grenade through his window at 4 A.M.

Czar Ivan V was saved from an attempt on his life as he was still reading in his office at 4 A.M. when his bedroom was bombed.

REVOLTS SPREAD IN SOUTH. Rioting & fighting broke out in the streets of many a southern Russian city last night. Citizens attacked troops and barracks were burned. IN Sevastopol 7000 citizens and the police attacked the 1200 troops stationed there. 186 troops were killed before they could disengage themselves.

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SPRING, 1901 MOVE ORDERS

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moves in lower case fail

AUSTRIA.....A BUDAPEST TO SERBIA
A VIENNA TO BUDAPEST
F TRIESTE TO ALBANIA

ENGLAND.....A LIVERPOOL TO YORKSHIRE
F LONDON TO ENGLISH CHANNEL
F EDINBURGH TO NORTH SEA

TURKEY.....A CONSTANTINOPLE TO BULGARIA
A SMYRNA TO CONSTANTINOPLE
F ANKARA TO BLACK SEA

RUSSIA.....F ST. PETERSBURG (SC) TO FINLAND
F SEVASTOPOL TO RUMANIA
A MOSCOW TO SEVASTOPOL
A WARSAW TO PRUSSIA

GERMANY.....F KIEL STANDS
A BERLIN STANDS
A MUNICH STANDS

FRANCE.....F BREST TO MID-ATLANTIC
A PARIS TO PICARDY
A MARSEILLES TO SPAIN

ITALY.....F NAPLES TO IONIAN SEA
A VENICE STANDS
A ROME TO TUSCANY

All moves succeed. Alliance systems are already being drawn, and the lask of certain traditional alliances are already evident. This may result in an unusual game, with some quick eliminations. GERMANY (Steve Patt) paid his fee but did not submit his move in time. He will have a fall move in. The movement of Russia seems to indicate that he lost no traditionally German open supply center by the missed move, and is, indeed, following the Prussian move, in a better defensive position than he'd normally be.

DEADLINE FOR THE FALL, 1901 MOVE ORDERS IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6. THIS IS, REMEMBER, THE DATE ON WHICH YOUR MOVE MUST BE RECEIVED IN ORDER TO BE ACCEPTED. No more delays or changes now. Always a BARAD-DUR with the alternate Sunday mail, pick-up. Mail by Thursday to be sure. And, Mr. Brooks, who receives his BARAD-DURS air-mail, is expected to air-mail all moves, or we start sending the magazine by standard mail. This is traditional; we do not charge extra for the air mail mailings, and it evens things out. REMEMBER -- NO EXCUSES. Moves not here by 6 P.M. on Saturday Nov. 6, either via letter, phone, or telegram, will not be counted. We publish that night. My phone # is 301-367-0685.

PLEASE -- on all orders & correspondence, place a C in the lower left corner of your envelope. I run & am in more than 1 game. See p.1 for other details.

GB-1965-CPROPAGANDA

players are reminded that propaganda may be used to mislead a foe, or confirm diplomacy, as well as for entertainment. For your information, I wish to reprint parts of a letter accompanying the 1901 RUSSIA move; this is straight, and you can be thinking of arguments in the next 10 days:

"You may refer to...propaganda...but it all looks rather childish to me. I doubt I'll have time to do more than take moves as they come. I have a very demanding calc teacher this term.... As for the Gamesmaster, I don't see what you would gain by any tricks. Frankly, I don't care. I'm bound to lose since I've no experience in playing. Even less in the dickering end of the deal.... Just for information, could I send revisions of moves if I get them in before deadline?...."

GAMESMASTER'S REPLY: Firstoff, your move is your final one. Only 1 chance allowed, no revisions of anything, although you can add let's say, propaganda...well...er.... Anyway, old hands at the game, you'll note, do use propaganda, and it is always worthwhile, no matter how goofy it gets, to read it, because it sometimes contains (tho not always) valuable information on diplomacy being carried out. False propaganda is here, too, but you have to weed it out. False propaganda is a tool of a 3rd party to break an alliance. In 2 different games the false propaganda has served me well. ## Gamesmasters are a special type. You can not lie to a Gamesmaster, and he can not lie to you. He can not play tricks. He is completely impartial. He is also honor-bound not to discuss any questions from players which have a bearing on the real game, except in private. #I understand your heavy schedule -- I have a heavy one, too. ## I printed the excerpts to clarify certain questions that may plague other players. We have, aside from Brooks, 2 other first-timer Diplomaniacs, and another unfamiliar to Postal tho a veteran across-the-board player. So you'll know, the ones with Postal experience are: Jacks, Huff, and Mebane. The one who's experienced across-the-board is Gilliland. Newcomers are: Brooks, Patt, Hendin.

Rome, April 6. (Reuters). The latest heir to the Caesars, Gaius Alannus Prodigious Maximus, has ascended the throne of Imperial Rome under dire circumstances. The entire continent of Europe is seething in unrest and war is almost certain. His Field Marshall, Marcello Regatoni IV, has ordered the armies and fleets into defensive positions, and ~~is~~ having the Appian Way repaved. The recent assassination of the Emperor's father by knife in the Senate has made the young new Emperor wary of all European powers who see Italy as a means of extending their power. Only the trusted allies of France and Austria are welcome in his court. Rome Telegraph, April 17 (Sefani). In his recent exploration trip down the Nile, archiologists Ricardus Burtonius met a beautiful woman who claimed to be descended from Cleopatra. Burtonius's assisstant, a Pole named Mankiewiez, abducted the girl and took her to the U.S., changing her name to Taylor. Ricardus followed them, killed them both, and is now living in Chicago under the name of Capre or Cason or Capone or something like that.

Venice Observer, May 5 (AP). A young schoolmaster in Forli, Benito something, was killed by irate students for forcing on them black shirts instead of the traditional school colors.

SIR: We wish to announce Austria's policy of peace in the East. We shall not attack anyone, unless attacked, but we shall maneuver our forces into a prime defensive stratagem. To Russia, we offer Peace & friendship in a Pan-Slav Federation. To Turkey we offer the open hand of peace and fellowship. To Italy we offer our perpetual friendship & alliance as befits the two greatest Catholic nations of Europe. To Germany we re-affirm the policy of Volk...Deutsch, Ein Reich, in an international sense. We wish Austria-Hungary to be known as the Dove of the East. One word of warning, however: this dove has claws!

In peaceful friendship, Franz-Jerald IV, Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary, Prince of Illystria.

NOTE FROM THE GAMEMASTER TO RUSSIA: Moves should be written out, very specifically, as they are in BARAD-DUR. We almost missed seeing your move entirely. ALWAYS apart from all else, please.

The Sublime Porte has released the following statement by the Sultan of Turkey, Sbdul M'Banid: "The whole world knows my devotion to peace. Nevertheless, I have had to abandon the pursuit of my pacific goal within the Seraglio, even during the Holy Month of Ramadan, in order to lead my Janizaries in Jihad against the infidels of Bulgaria. Let the nations of Europe take warning that any further persecution of the Followers of the Prophet such as took place in Bulgaria will result in similar reprisals."

Edward, Duke of Saxe-Coburg, spoke to the Belgian Parliament on April 1, and declared England's eternal friendship for the Belgian people.

Washington, March 1, 1901 (AP). Observers here feel the U.S. will remain neutral if war breaks out in Europe but many high ranking officials express support for economic sanctions to be taken against Britain and Italy.

Hanoi, March 5, (UPI). Discussions are underway between French, Japanese, and Portuguese representatives concerning British aggression along the Burmese-Indo-Chinese border, and the British naval blockade of Macao and Kuangchowwan. Observers feel a strong French, Japanese-Portuguese alliance in the offering.

Brazzaville, March 9 (UPI). Spanish, German, Belgian, and French officials sent a message to British officials warning united action against Britain or Italy should they start aggression in Africa.

Brazzaville, March 11 (UPI). Anglo-Italian armies from Eritria and British Somoliland today attacked French Somoliland!

Paris, March 20 (UPI). French troops began mobilisation today along the Belgian and Spanish borders.

May 20, 1901. Whitehall. Lord Gilliland became Prime Minister of a coalition government at 3:45 A.M. His first official act was to receive the French ambassador at 4 A.M. That afternoon he described the talks as "Very Frank," but "Correct." The French ambassador refused to speak with newsmen as he returned to consult with his government.

I REGRET EDITING PROPAGANDA (SEE P.1 THO) BUT REALLY IT IS A GOOD REASON THIS TIME -- THIS IS MY LAST STENCIL. JLC.